CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. 1. A method for identifying a plurality of events which are played back
2. simultaneously on a plurality of networked client apparatuses, comprising the
3. steps of:
4. (a) providing a plurality of events stored in memory on a plurality of client
5. apparatuses, the events each having a unique identifier associated therewith
6. and stored in the memory, wherein the client apparatuses are adapted to be
7. coupled to a host computer via a network;
8. (b) ascertaining the identifier of the event stored in the memory of the client
9. apparatuses utilizing the network;
10. (c) comparing the identifier with an identifier of a scheduled event; and
11. (d) beginning the playback of the event on each of the client apparatuses if the
12. comparison renders a match.

1. 2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes a video and audio
2. presentation.

1. 3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes at least one of a
2. movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.

1. 4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a wide area network.

1. 5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the memory includes a digital video
2. disc (DVD).

1. 6. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for
2. identifying a plurality of events which are played back simultaneously on a
3. plurality of networked client apparatuses, comprising:

4   (a)   a code segment for providing a plurality of events stored in memory on a

5   plurality of client apparatuses, the events each having a unique identifier

6   associated therewith and stored in the memory, wherein the client

7   apparatuses are adapted to be coupled to a host computer via a network;

8   (b)   a code segment for ascertaining the identifier of the event stored in the

9   memory of the client apparatuses utilizing the network;

10   (c)   a code segment for comparing the identifier with an identifier of a scheduled

11   event; and

12   (d)   a code segment for beginning the playback of the event on each of the client

13   apparatuses if the comparison renders a match.

1   7.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the event includes a video

2   and audio presentation.

1   8.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the event includes at least

2   one of a movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.

1   9.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the network is a wide

2   area network.

1   10.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the memory includes a

2   digital video disc (DVD).

1   11.   A system for identifying a plurality of events which are played back

2   simultaneously on a plurality of networked client apparatuses, comprising:

3   (a)   logic for providing a plurality of events stored in memory on a plurality of

4   client apparatuses, the events each having a unique identifier associated

5   therewith and stored in the memory, wherein the client apparatuses are

6   adapted to be coupled to a host computer via a network;

7   (b)   logic for ascertaining the identifier of the event stored in the memory of the

8   client apparatuses utilizing the network;

9   (c)   logic for comparing the identifier with an identifier of a scheduled event; and

10 (d) logic for beginning the playback of the event on each of the client

11 apparatuses if the comparison renders a match.

1 12. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the event includes a video and audio

2 presentation.

1 13. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the event includes at least one of a

2 movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.

1 14. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the network is a wide area network.

1 15. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the memory includes a digital video

2 disc (DVD).